

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - AUGUST, 1961

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POPULATION - CENSUS 30TH JUNE, 1961

Metropolitan: Persons - 419,755

Whole State: Not yet available.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	JULY				Seven Months ended JULY			
	1961		1960		1961		1960	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	257	4.11	304	4.97	3,052	7.16	3,096	7.38
Births	1,398	22.35	1,399	22.87	10,115	23.74	9,754	23.26
Deaths	471	7.53	539	8.81	3,265	7.66	3,243	7.73
Infant Mortality (b)	21	15.02	31	22.16	175	17.30	206	21.12

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Overseas	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Interstate	4,249	3,695	55,266	46,181	9,702	6,546	159,786	120,068
Total:	6,814	7,383	121,766	123,348	2,502	1,656	45,231	38,930
	11,063	11,078	177,032	169,529	12,204	8,202	205,017	158,998

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Land Conditionally Alienated Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued	acres	acres	acres	acres
	86,960	95,096	500,888	452,697
	536,760	36,118	5,528,823	4,113,822

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Revenue	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue per Head of Population	6,000,131	4,777,134	11,514,425	9,254,134
Expenditure	8.1	6.6	15.6	12.8
Expenditure per Head of Population	6,206,456	5,721,332	12,145,529	11,140,157
	8.4	7.9	16.5	15.4

SAVINGS BANKS

Due to Depositors	At the end of AUGUST		
	1961	1960	1959
Total Balances	£.	£.	£.
Per Head of Population	83,249,619	79,956,599	73,064,883
	112.7	110.4	102.4

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings					
	March	April	May	June	July	August
1961	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
1961	23,441,125	23,532,488	23,981,079	21,645,396	23,080,067	21,592,512
1960	22,276,441	19,363,355	22,265,619	21,702,176	21,655,541	21,671,109

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Transfers	No.	1,815	2,464	3,447
	£.	3,358,373	4,107,278	6,270,557
Mortgages	No.	1,350	1,617	2,676
	£.	2,967,848	3,375,026	5,591,379
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,173	1,237	2,124
	£.			

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
August, 1961	£.	£.	£.	£.
August, 1960	4,928,534	4,414,682	11,566,397	752,995
Two Months ended August, 1961	5,344,914	4,265,587	12,268,476	896,042
Two Months ended August, 1961	9,285,382	8,638,847	23,334,510	1,452,455
Two Months ended August, 1960	9,487,664	7,765,917	24,209,134	1,542,327

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Local	No.	42	35	77
Nominal Capital	£.	1,892,000	2,956,000	5,289,000
Foreign	No.	15	21	41

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Two Months ended AUGUST					
	1961			1960		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	32	46,166	11,769	22	55,716	23,391
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	16	73,766	58,321	14	37,134	28,154

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

(Operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic, including Railway Road Service).

Item	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Gross Earnings	£.	1,470,500	1,171,050	16,537,848
Operating Expenses	£.	1,330,739	1,300,341	15,551,297
Train Miles Run	No.	667,796	632,209	7,818,746
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(a) 55,223	(b) 63,431	1,514,202
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train	No.	1,021,461	1,064,558	12,660,941
Motor Bus	No.	19,106	20,861	266,233
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods		453,247	358,805	4,692,511
Livestock		9,136	9,939	140,717
Departmental (Free Freight)		42,633	43,230	534,760
Total:		505,016	411,974	5,367,988
				5,208,834
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods		69,310,933	56,113,706	728,786,504
Livestock		1,528,434	1,152,777	18,793,223
Departmental (Free Freight)		4,927,327	4,729,759	53,186,248
Total:		75,766,694	61,996,242	800,765,975
				768,636,070

(a) Period 1st July to 15th July.
(b) Period 1st July to 16th July.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
<u>1960 -</u>										
July	635	161	200	2	57	1,019	244	494	4	85
August	812	199	218	3	71	1,159	307	500	8	104
September	873	128	236	-	79	1,375	210	526	4	112
October	847	153	254	3	65	1,321	236	562	5	94
November	869	217	224	4	55	1,336	370	587	5	94
December	517	137	170	1	60	901	284	444	5	88
<u>1961 -</u>										
January	409	106	123	-	67	607	193	327	2	103
February	523	170	183	1	62	762	255	369	10	94
March	718	231	198	-	65	1,028	357	414	4	99
April	541	140	204	-	41	810	230	418	4	61
May	536	141	190	2	53	867	240	414	5	77
June	459	138	182	4	44	799	251	426	5	69
July	490	139	181	6	34	753	238	408	8	56

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959 -</u>								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
<u>1960 -</u>								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
<u>1961 -</u>								
January	87,687	26,677	563	9,082	133,760	68,933	1,105	12,948
February	87,944	26,641	566	9,052	134,671	69,557	1,220	12,882
March	88,504	26,615	563	9,034	136,141	70,148	1,223	12,999
April	89,144	26,849	562	8,968	136,047	69,615	1,219	12,653
May	89,151	26,774	560	8,810	137,352	70,531	1,229	12,689
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
July	90,859	27,021	568	8,652	(b) 137,554	(b) 68,717	(b) 1,232	(b) 12,150

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Subject to revision.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
<u>1961 -</u>										
March Qr.	284	781	1,220	3,910	32	224	203	3,564	1,739	8,479
June Qr.	215	577	1,315	4,346	32	534	228	2,675	1,790	8,132

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
<u>1961 -</u>										
March Qr.	985	3,445	1	1	336	840	2	3	1,324	4,289
June Qr.	1,044	3,574	3	3	344	957	18	11	1,409	4,545

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	JULY		Seven Months ended JULY	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Quantity	Fine oz.	69,859	73,537	483,845
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,091,543	1,149,014	7,560,073
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	-	-	1,104,026
				948,894

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June:						
1956	111.1	101.4	123.8	102.0	105.5	107.9
1957	116.0	103.1	123.6	104.5	117.0	112.9
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
Quarters:						
1960 - March	118.4	108.0	134.2	107.4	121.2	117.1
June	121.6	109.6	135.6	107.0	123.3	119.0
September	122.9	109.8	137.0	107.4	123.7	119.8
December	122.9	110.8	141.6	107.3	125.6	120.8
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December,
1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
1959:				1960 (cont.):			
August	140.2	47.0	187.2	August	142.7	49.8	192.5
September	140.8	47.3	188.1	September	143.1	50.2	193.3
October	141.2	47.7	188.9	October	143.2	50.4	193.6
November	141.3	48.1	189.4	November	143.7	50.6	194.3
December	141.1	48.2	189.3	December	143.5	51.1	194.6
1960:				1961:			
January	141.1	47.4	188.5	January	142.7	50.0	192.7
February	141.6	48.5	190.1	February	143.2	50.4	193.6
March	141.8	48.9	190.7	March	142.9	50.4	193.3
April	141.4	48.9	190.3	April	143.1	50.5	193.6
May	141.5	49.4	190.9	May	142.7	50.3	193.0
June	141.7	49.2	190.9	June	142.1	49.7	191.8
July	141.9	49.3	191.2	July	141.9	49.7	191.6

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
January	237	241	232	231	229	234	241
February	240	241	235	233	231	237	241
March	242	240	236	234	233	238	239
April	243	239	234	233	233	237	239
May	242	238	234	230	232	238	237
June	239	235	231	228	229	237	234
July	238	231	229	229	231	237	233
August	239	230	229	229	232	239	
September	241	233	232	230	233	241	
October	241	233	232	232	234	241	
November	243	233	233	231	235	242	
December	242	232	232	231	235	240	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
31/7/61	15.	0.	6	11.	5.	5	14.	18.	11
							11.	4.	2
							14.	13.	2
							10.	19.	11

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
July, 1961	22,280	1,358	111,597	59,753	22,021
July, 1960	24,553	1,755	125,280	52,975	15,084
12 Months ended June, 1961	187,755	17,912	1,700,223	949,178	194,475
12 Months ended June, 1960	217,040	25,989	1,800,641	849,664	168,222

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
July, 1961	5,010	57	2,189	825	1,191
July, 1960	5,518	74	2,374	729	850
12 Months ended June, 1961	40,090	743	32,706	13,610	10,587
12 Months ended June, 1960	44,923	1,039	32,627	11,758	9,029

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents(a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
7 Months ended July, 1960	4,068	5,379	1,577	2,188	5,645	7,567	55	112	1,955	2,829
7 Months ended July, 1961	2,405	3,478	1,391	2,032	3,796	5,510	50	99	1,788	2,718
1961 -										
January	291	442	190	277	481	719	6	10	261	396
February	316	442	181	266	497	708	6	12	234	362
March	329	479	215	331	544	810	5	20	272	440
April	335	492	206	297	541	789	11	22	255	398
May	305	455	195	285	500	740	8	13	252	359
June	418	580	195	289	613	869	10	16	247	383
July	411	588	209	287	620	875	4	6	267	380

(a) Non-casualty accidents from 1956 to 1960 exclude those where damage was estimated to be £10 or less; from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1960					1961							
		Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.								
FRUIT														
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	8. 4	9. 5	11. 7	13. 1	16. 6	18. 6	21. 5	29. 8	18. 1	13. 9	12. 4	12. 10	13. 7
Oranges - Navel	bush.	20. 6	25. 6	27. 9	28. 8	-	-	-	-	-	34. 1	28. 8	30. 8	38. 10
- Val.	bush.	18. 8	21. 6	21. 1	20. 8	20. 1	24. 9	26. 5	28. 2	25. 3	25. 2	-	-	31. 1
Bananas - Local	lb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1. 3	1. 3	1. 0
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	31. 3	33. 1	34. 4	36. 10	25. 11	-	-	14. 5	14. 11	14. 4	14. 10	16. 3	15. 8
- Other	bush.	57. 4	52. 4	54. 8	49. 3	34. 1	19. 1	21. 1	18. 10	20. 6	21. 2	18. 11	18. 9	23. 1
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	29. 5	-	-	-	-	29. 6	18. 9	18. 6	15. 7	18. 1	21. 5	19. 8	19. 2
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	16. 9	17. 0	25. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	24. 9	22. 10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	17. 7	16. 2	12. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	20. 8	16. 4	22. 10	14. 8	18. 4	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush	-	-	-	-	25. 9	28. 11	23. 3	27. 10	16. 9	22. 6	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate (a)	4. 9	5. 3	5. 10	8. 3	5. 11	6. 5	9. 10	16. 4	11. 2	7. 6	7. 6	7. 8	5. 5
Cauliflowers	dozen	16. 11	19. 11	13. 8	16. 9	15. 6	-	24. 6	20. 2	19. 4	8. 4	12. 0	20. 10	14. 3
Lettuce	crate	16. 10	12. 3	8. 11	14. 10	10. 5	15. 3	21. 7	15. 5	6. 4	8. 8	10. 10	14. 0	10. 6
Table Celery	doz. head	6. 7	9. 2	10. 1	14. 1	11. 10	9. 11	10. 1	10. 5	10. 8	8. 5	9. 7	9. 3	10. 2
Beetroot	cwt.	78. 8	81. 7	96. 2	61. 10	65. 11	74. 2	92. 8	50. 10	21. 3	21. 3	21. 3	30. 6	45. 5
Carrots	cwt.	21. 10	19. 10	26. 1	23. 3	19. 11	21. 10	29. 6	43. 5	48. 7	50. 2	42. 9	57. 8	63. 6
Parsnips	cwt.	35. 5	51. 8	46. 9	48. 1	44. 2	52. 3	66. 6	85. 3	98. 0	120. 6	150. 2	159. 6	151. 1
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	8. 11	5. 5	5. 3	5. 5	4. 8	6. 4	11. 7	11. 0	5. 10	5. 0	7. 0	10. 7	12. 1
Swedes	cwt.	24. 0	27. 0	35. 2	33. 3	22. 2	38. 6	60. 5	75. 7	62. 11	32. 11	27. 4	33. 8	24. 4
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 3	1. 2	11	1. 2	6	1. 1	1. 7	1. 8	6	7	10	1. 2	1. 1
Peas	lb.	1. 0	1. 2	7	1. 1	1. 0	1. 5	1. 6	1. 7	1. 5	1. 1	1. 3	1. 5	1. 2
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	4	4	7	6	5	11	7	5	5	3	5	5	5
Pumpkin	bag	27. 6	39. 6	44. 5	80. 0	47. 6	25. 6	34. 5	31. 9	30. 3	23. 7	21. 4	25. 4	35. 7
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	21. 6	28. 3	47. 10	40. 6	19. 7	26. 5	27. 0	34. 2	25. 6	28. 11	20. 9	27. 3	17. 8
Onions (b)	ton	52. 10. 0	(c)	(c)	(c)	30. 0. 0	35. 0. 0	45. 0. 0	45. 0. 0	50. 0. 0(e)	55. 0. 0(f)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Potatoes (d)	ton	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0	37. 15. 0

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(e) From 17th April to 15th May. (f) From 16th to 29th May.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1960					1961									
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
SHEEP	£. s. d.														
Suckers	3.11.11	3. 3.11	3. 1. 4	2.19. 0	3. 2. 8	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9. 9	2.13.11	2. 8. 6		
Lambs															
In Wool	3. 9. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.14. 3	3.17. 2	3.19. 9	3.14. 2	3. 0.11	3. 6. 8		
Shorn	-	-	2.12. 1	2.15. 9	2.17. 5	3. 8. 6	3.11. 0	-	3.10. 2	3. 9. 4	3. 3.11	2.10. 3	2. 9. 4		
Hoggets															
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 4	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-		
Shorn	-	-	-	-	2.16. 6	3. 3. 2	3. 6. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ewes															
In Wool	2.16. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.16. 7	3. 7. 8	3. 8. 6	3. 9. 2	3. 9. 2		
Shorn	1.19. 0	1.15. 0	1.15. 8	1.18. 4	2. 3. 7	2.10. 4	2.10.11	2. 2. 3	1.18. 6	2. 6. 9	-	2. 6. 7	2. 3. 2		
Wethers															
In Wool	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 4. 6	3. 5. 4	3.18. 2	3.16. 1	3.14. 1	-		
Shorn	2. 5. 6	2. 4.11	2. 6. 4	2. 6.11	2.11. 3	2.19. 2	2.19.11	2. 9. 4	2. 6.10	2.11. 6	2.12. 6	2.12. 1	2. 7. 9		
CATTLE															
Baby Beef	37.10. 9	37.18. 9	38. 2. 0	36.15.10	39. 9. 2	36. 6. 3	36.19. 8	38.16. 6	40. 9.11	43.19.10	43. 5. 3	39. 7.11	37. 0. 1		
Heifers	42. 4. 0	38. 2. 4	43.10. 3	39.13. 2	41. 0. 0	-	-	42. 7.11	44.16. 1	-	47. 0. 7	-	-		
Cows	48. 7. 8	49. 2.11	49.10.11	48.12. 7	49.14. 2	49.10. 6	51.16. 8	55. 6. 3	54. 0. 6	53.18. 8	51. 9. 7	45. 3. 3	41.13. 6		
Steers	50. 6. 4	51. 8. 1	52. 7.10	52. 0. 5	51.12. 3	51.14. 8	53.17. 7	55. 7. 6	57. 6. 2	57.13. 5	55. 7.10	50. 3. 1	46.16. 0		
Bullocks	60.16. 9	60.13.11	62. 6. 1	60.16. 7	66. 7. 6	-	-	-	-	62.12. 8	59.16. 4	50. 2. 7	-		
PIGS															
Slips	6.19. 9	7. 6. 8	-	5. 9.11	6. 6. 8	-	4.16. 9	-	-	-	5. 6.11	5.13. 5	-		
Porkers	11.11. 0	11. 9.10	11.17. 1	11. 3.10	10.19. 7	9.17.11	10. 3.10	9.11.11	9.17.11	10. 0. 1	9.13.11	9. 7.10	8.16. 7		
Baconers	17. 3. 5	16.18. 2	17. 7. 0	16.10. 3	16. 1. 9	16. 3. 2	15. 5. 5	15. 3. 6	15. 8. 5	15. 7. 3	15. 1. 6	15. 2. 0	13. 2.11		

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1955-56	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1959 - July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,374	297	232	5,726	1,956	1,247	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	2,556	1,602	1,011	152	109	67	3,831	486	385	6,539	2,197	1,463	23,716
February	2,539	1,756	1,102	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,130	2,338	1,547	22,865
March	2,784	2,013	1,248	263	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,281	2,750	1,808	23,279
April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	1,846	1,406	891	104	73	43	3,418	406	332	5,368	1,885	1,266	29,436
February	1,628	1,232	754	193	232	135	2,929	353	288	4,750	1,817	1,177	27,726
March	1,966	1,675	953	254	207	125	2,670	337	275	4,890	2,219	1,353	27,584
April					Not yet available								(f)27,122
May					do.								(f)27,106
June					do.								(f)26,995

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Grocer- ies	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware(b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.8
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.2	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.9	49.8
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(e)	(e)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(f)	(f)	6.6(f)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.8	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	45.0	18.3
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(e)	(e)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.8	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	52.1	18.8
March Qr.														
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(e)	(e)	2.5	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	38.5	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.2	3.1	6.2	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.5	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.5	47.6	15.9
June Qr.														
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(e)	(e)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	48.0	(g)

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	JULY		1960-61(a)	1959-60
		1961(a)	1960(a)		
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	431	812	5,255	6,349
Bricks - Clay (b)	'000	7,907	8,515	105,944	100,462
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	120	144	1,491	1,423
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,857	3,168	28,765	23,280
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	25,962	26,440	362,426	367,119
Tiles, Roofing - Cement	'000	307	333	4,109	5,599
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (c)	'000 sup.ft.	16,988	16,512	192,603	198,903
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	923	1,153	13,257	12,172
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	378	1,055	12,391	11,977
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	3,777	4,542	54,470	62,043
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	32	28	281	498
- 2 piece	"	1,636	1,783	18,699	16,997
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	7,041	5,863	83,153	75,231
- Work	"	14,969	18,323	165,353	180,904
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	51,299	46,922	582,407	601,555
Slippers	"	9,679	9,898	131,303	163,040
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	149	148	5,090	4,322
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	5,455	7,156	252,917	194,604
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	585	472	7,010	7,117
Butter	"	2,131	1,879	17,293	16,522
Cheese	"	343	278	3,070	3,232
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	19	19	370	352
- Sulphuric	"	11,917	12,271	235,460	226,376
Coal	"	75,414	83,896	745,093	908,473
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	93,907	89,298	1,031,936	938,078
Gas Produced	million				
Mattresses-Soft Filled(d)	cub. ft.	141	142	1,450	1,433
Pig Iron	number	2,072	2,460	29,738	35,477
Superphosphate	ton	4,601	4,357	52,261	47,536
Wool-Scoured	"	30,572	33,045	659,472	629,040
	'000 lb.	2,052	2,019	29,586	33,668

(a) Preliminary figures; subject to revision.

(b) Standard size.

(c) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(d) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge, but excludes inner spring mattresses.

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